

## REMARKS

Claims pending in the instant application are numbered 1-30. Claims 1-30 presently stand rejected. Claims 1, 9, 17 and 22-28 have been amended. Claims 10-16 have been cancelled. Claims 31-35 have been added. The Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the present application in view of the amendments and the following remarks.

### *35 U.S.C. §102 Rejections*

Claims 1, 3-7, 9-10, 12-21, 22-28 and 30 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Schell et al., U.S. Patent Number 6,314,520.

A claim is anticipated only if each and every element of the claim is found in a reference (M.P.E.P. § 2131 citing *Verdegaal Bros. v. Union Oil Co. of California*, 814 F.2d 628 (Fed. Cir. 1987)). The identical invention must be shown in as complete detail as is contained in the claim (M.P.E.P. § 2131 citing *Richardson v. Suzuki Motor Co.*, 868 F.2d 1226,1236 (Fed. Cir. 1989)).

Claim 1 as presently amended expressly recites “wherein the first switch unit to output data stored by one control register of the first plurality of control registers.”

Schell is directed to a trusted workstation in a networked client/server computing system. Schell discloses a protected receive low address enforcement register 90 and a protected receive high address enforcement register 92 (col. 4, lines 61-62). However, data from register 90 or register 92 is not outputted by comparator circuit 100. Thus, Schell fails to disclose “wherein the first switch unit to output data stored by one control register of the

first plurality of control registers” as expressly claimed by the Applicant. Independent claim 28 distinguishes for at least the same reason as claim 1. Claims 2-9 and 29-30 are dependent claims and distinguish for at least the same reasons as their independent base claims in addition to adding further limitations of their own.

Claim 17 as presently amended expressly recites “the selected portion to be provided to one of a thermal control unit or a power conservation unit of the circuit.” However, Schell fails to disclose “a thermal control unit or a power conservation unit” as expressly claimed by the Applicant. Claims 18-21 are dependent claims and distinguish for at least the same reasons as claim 17 in addition to adding further limitations of their own.

Claim 22 as presently amended expressly recites “the unit to operate in accordance with the sensitive data to prevent damage to the circuit.” However, Schell fails to disclose “the unit to operate in accordance with the sensitive data to prevent damage to the circuit” as expressly claimed by the Applicant. Independent claim 25 distinguishes for at least the same reason as claim 22. Claims 23-24 and 26-27 are dependent claims and distinguish for at least the same reasons as their independent base claims in addition to adding further limitations of their own.

### *35 U.S.C. § 103 Rejections*

Claims 2, 11 and 29 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Schell in view of Circello et al., U.S. Patent Application Publication US 2003/0061461.

Claim 8 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Schell in view of Rapp U.S. Patent Application Publication US 2001/0014036.

Claims 2 and 29 are dependent claims and distinguish for at least the same reasons as their independent base claims, as described above, in addition to adding further limitations of their own. Claims 8 and 11 have been cancelled. Therefore, the Applicant respectfully requests that the instant § 103 rejections be withdrawn.

#### *New Claims 31-35*

New claims 31-32 are allowable based on their dependency on allowable claim 1. The Applicant submits that new claim 33 is not anticipated nor rendered obvious by the cited references, and accordingly, claim 33 is allowable. New claims 34-35 are allowable based on the dependency on claim 33. The Examiner's attention is directed to at least Figures 3 and 4 and the corresponding paragraphs of the specification as originally filed for support of new claims 33-35.

#### *Conclusion*

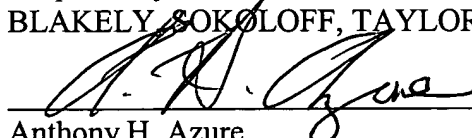
The Applicant respectfully requests that the instant § 102 and § 103 rejections be withdrawn. The Applicant respectfully submits that in view of the amendments and remarks set forth herein, all pending claims are in condition for allowance. Therefore, the Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to issue a Notice of Allowance in this case.

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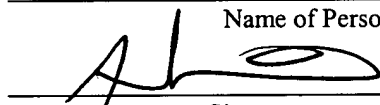
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